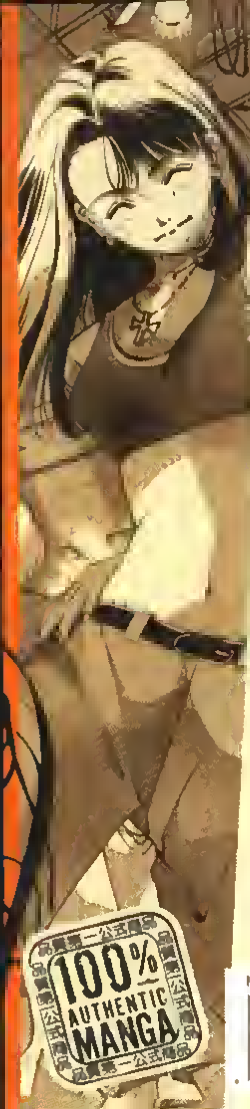

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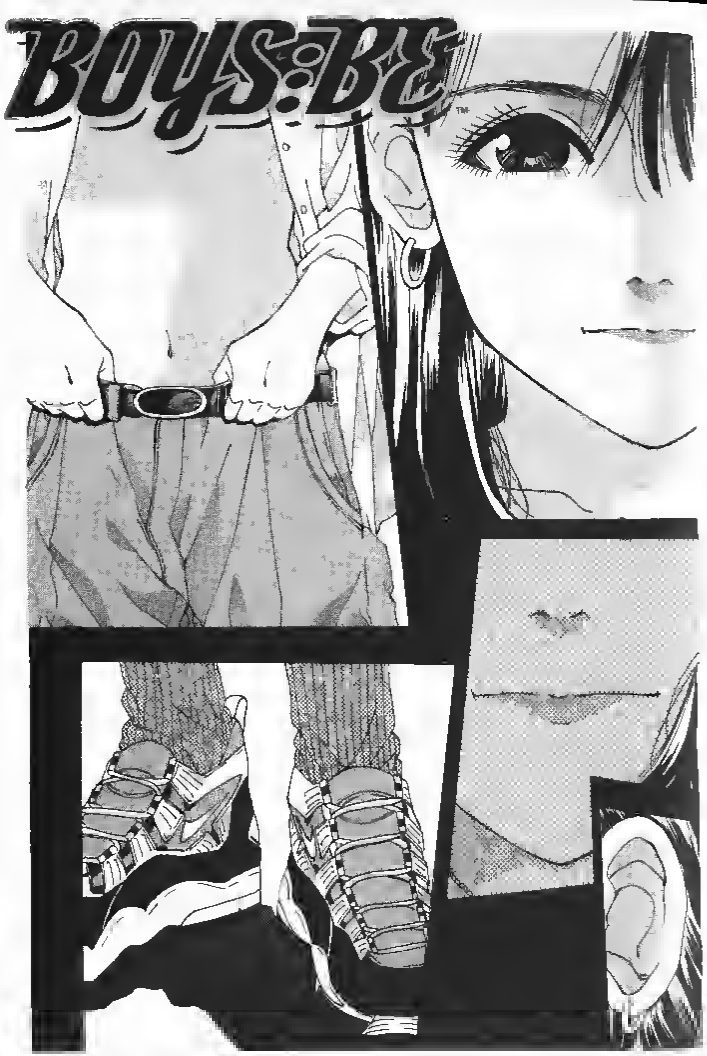

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HUH?/ WHY'S THAT?
YOU NEED TO WORK HARDEST OF ALL, RIGHT?
TH-THANKS, SAITOU...
NOTE: A "manager" is a girl who brings towels, keeps records, cleans equipment, etc.
YEAH.
OH, RIGHT...
I MAY JUST BE THE MANAGER, BUT AS A FELLOW SECOND YEAR I'M REALLY EXCITED FOR YOU!
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY SECOND YEAR TO BE CHOSEN AS A REGULAR FOR THE NEXT TOURNAMENT.
SO YOU BETTER DO YOUR BEST!
BYE-BYE!
RIGHT. THANKS.
HIYAA!
AARGH!
HERE'S YOUR TOWEL, TETSUO-KUN.
YES, SIR!
ALL RIGHT! FIVE MINUTE BREAK, EVERYONE!
PHEW...
ゼェゼェ
?!
THANKS, SAITOU-SAN.
THANKS.
GOOD JOB! HERE'S A TOWEL.

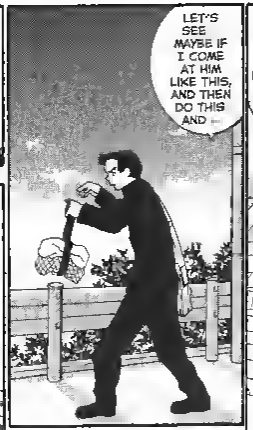
EEEK!
WAH!
ERK!!
AAAAH!
HUH...?
UH, HEY...
!
AAA

RIGHT! I'M A REGULAR! A REGULAR!

THANKS
HERE YOU GO

HIYAA!

HM?!
LOOK OUT!!


LET'S SEE MAYBE IF I COME AT HIM LIKE THIS, AND THEN DO THIS AND...

TEN DAYS LEFT TILL THE TOURNAMENT, HUH? I'VE STILL GOTTA WORK ON MY RIGHT TACKLE

ERR...
I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE TO THE HOSPITAL!
Y-YES, MA'AM.
THIS IS NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT FITTING US BOTH ON. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!
COME ON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
...
WHOA!
OKAY, HERE WE GO! HANG ON TIGHT!
IT'S A GIRL.. AND HER HAIR IS DYED BROWN.
OH MY GAWD! ARE YOU ALIVE?
HUH? OH, YEAH.. I'M FINE.
I'M SO SORRY, ARE YOU OKAY?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?! YOU JUST FELL TEN METERS DOWN THOSE STAIRS!
SHIT, MY ARM'S KILLING ME.
OH NO! WHAT HAVE I DONE?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
ピク
...ERK!
YEAH, NO PROBLEM AT ALL.
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HOW'D IT GO?
...THEY SAY I FRAC-TURED MY WRIST.
IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS, BUT...
OH!
RUSTLE
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? THERE'S NO WAY I'LL--
NAH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE AL-READY DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH, BRINGING ME.
I'LL COVER THE BILL, OKAY?
HA HA HA HA!
FF!
OH, ERR...I GUESS I'M HUNGRY.

山村総合病院
Yamamura General Hospital
YES, SIR
THAT MEANS NO MORE JUDO FOR YOU, MISTER.
YOU'LL NEED TO GIVE IT AT LEAST A MONTH TO HEAL.
HMM, SEEMS YOU'VE FRAC-TURED YOUR WRIST.
SIGH
CLASP
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
DO YOUR BEST!
WHAT A DRAG. AND AFTER I GOT TO BE A REGULAR AND EVERYTHING...
WHAT AM I GOING TO TELL THEM?

NAH, IT WAS MY FAULT. I WASN'T WATCHING WHERE I WAS GOING.
NOW YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO JUDO WITH THAT ARM.
I'M REALLY SORRY. IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
WELL, I USED TO...
DON'T WORRY, I'M ON IT. WAIT RIGHT THERE.
OH YEAH! I STILL HAVEN'T TOLD YOU MY NAME.
R-RIGHT
SIT DOWN.
HERE WE GO.
!
TH-THANKS.
HERE, I GOT US SOME BREAD.
OKAY, NAO-SAN.
BUT ALL MY FRIENDS CALL ME NAO.
I'M SAKAI NAOMI, FROM SECOND YEAR CLASS F.
O-OKAY
NO "-SAN" HERE! IT'S SO OLD-FASHIONED!
OH! I GET IT! YOU MUST DO JUDO, RIGHT?
SORRY, IT'S A HABIT.
WHAT ARE YOU KNEELING FOR?

HA HA HA. YUP! OR MAYBE MORE LIKE AN "ANDY".
YOU JUST LOOK LIKE IT.
I LOOK LIKE AN ANDRE?
UH... OKAY.
since when did i become an Andy?
TOTALLY. I'M A LITTLE BUSY WITH SOMETHING RIGHT NOW, BUT-- YEAH, I'LL CALL YOU BACK LATER, 'KAY?
OKAY, GOT IT. THEY'RE HAVING AN EVENT THERE, RIGHT?
HELLO? SURE, WHAT CLUB DO YOU WANNA GO TO TONIGHT?
OH, JUST A MOMENT.
PI PI PI
WELL?
DYED BROWN HAIR...
PIERCED EARS...
NAO, HUH...?
HUH? OH, I'M...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ER...
MM, YOU LOOK MORE LIKE AN "ANDRE."
...I'M ISHII TETSUO.
UH... WHY?
A-ANDRE ...?

HIYAA!
Competition Matches
Second years
Absent due to injury
Third years
Ichigawa Hajime
Nakamura Gentarou
Morishima Gorou
OKAY! FIVE-MINUTE BREAK!
Yes, sir!
I FEEL LIKE I DON'T BELONG HERE ANYMORE...
OH, YOU'RE SO SILLY, ANDY! Ha ha ha!
SO, WHAT CLUB SPORT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
UH...
DON'T FORGET TO SAY "HI" IF YOU SEE ME IN SCHOOL SOMETIME!
WELL, SORRY FOR THE MESS! I SWEAR I'LL PAY THE DOCTOR'S BILL, 'KAY?
SHE SURE TALKS A LOT...
TH-THERE SHE GOES..
AND THEN, THE FOLLOWING DAY, AFTER SCHOOL...

PLEASE, TAKE IT
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT YOU DON'T HAVE TO...
HERE'S THE MONEY FOR THE DOCTOR.
HUH?
OH YEAH. I ALMOST FOR-GOT.
WHAT DO I DO NOW?
HM?!
N-NAO... SAN?
HEY! ANDY, IS THAT YOU?
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE? YOU'RE REALLY STARTING TO PISS ME OFF. YOU GOT A GRUDGE AGAINST ME OR SOMETHING?
I DON'T NEED IT!
REALLY, IT'S OKAY
NO IT'S NOT OKAY
OH, IT'S FINE.
HOW'S YOUR ARM?
HUH?
NO APPRE-CIATION AT ALL!
I FELT REALLY BAD ABOUT IT, SO I USED THE MONEY FROM MY JOB AND EVERYTHING.
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT!

A...COOL PLACE...?
THEN THAT SETTLES IT. I FOUND A REALLY COOL PLACE THE OTHER DAY. WANNA GO?
A CLUB IN SHIBUYA.
WELL, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONCE YOU GET THERE COME ON, LET'S GO!
ER... WELL...
DON'T TELL ME YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, ANDY?
C-CLUB?
IT REALLY WASN'T YOUR FAULT I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION.
...I WAS TOO HARSH.
OH... UMM...
.....
STARE
OH, WELL!
UH, YOU COULD SAY THAT.
YOU'VE PROBABLY GOT A LOT OF TIME NOW THAT YOU'RE NOT DOING JUDO, HUH?
WHAT?

JUST ABOUT...
YOU CHANGED YET?
TH THESE CLOTHES ARE WAY TOO WEIRD.
PFF!
NO, IT'S FINE! IT'S FINE! YOU LOOK... BETTER THAN I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT.
Ha ha ha!
ARE YOU SURE?
UH, CASUAL CLOTHES ...?
NO PROB-LEM! IT'S CASUAL WEAR!
BUT I...I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CLOTHES.
ANYTHING ALONG THE LINES OF THE "SKATER" LOOK?
WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES DO YOU HAVE?
O-OKAY.
I LOVE CHOOSING CLOTHES FOR GUYS!
THEN LET'S USE THIS MONEY TO DO SOME SHOPPING!
UH...WELL.
I HEARD THERE'S GONNA BE A HOUSE-TECHNO DJ TONIGHT. WEDNESDAYS ARE ALWAYS THE WILDEST!
? ? ?

OH, WOW...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
COME ON, ANDY, LET'S GO!
R-RIGHT...
I'VE NEVER... DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE...!!
ALL I'VE DONE UP UNTIL NOW IS JUDO.
NOW WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO...?
I'M GOING HOME TO CHANGE, SO I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
OKAY.
WEAR THIS, AND MEET ME IN FRONT OF THE ICE CLUB AT TEN O'CLOCK, GOT IT?
OKAY...
THEN, AT 10:00 P.M. THAT NIGHT...
HM?
YO, ANDY!
BUT I GUESS... THIS IS WHAT'S "IN" THESE DAYS.
THESE CLOTHES ARE WAY TOO BAGGY. I FEEL SO DUMB.

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REPORT 2 Love, Piercings and Judo (Middle)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ANDY? COME HERE.
OH... RIGHT.
THANKS
TAKE A SEAT, NAO!
YOU'RE HERE EARLY!
YOU KNOW I'M COOL!
HOW'S IT HAN-GIN'?
YO, NAO!
UH... NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M... ANDY.
LISTEN UP, EVERYONE! I'VE GOT SOMEONE TO INTRODUCE! THIS IS ANDY. HE'S FROM MY SCHOOL.
UH...
DO YOU PLAY SPORTS?
WOW, CHECK OUT THE MUSCLES ON THIS GUY!
MAN, YOU'RE HUGE!

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HAAA! DELICIOUS!
N-NO...I NEVER SAID THAT...
DON'T TELL ME THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME DRINKING?!
HUH?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE NOT DRINK-ING
I... I DOWNED THE WHOLE THING!
PERFECT! YOU'RE A GREAT DRINKER!
GLUG GLUG
PHEW!
SO TOTALLY COOL!
WHOA, THAT IS SO MA-CHO!
HUH?
THIS GUY HERE DOES JUDO!
WHAT DO I DO? I CAN'T TELL THEM I DO JUDO! THEY'LL THINK I'M STUPID.
OH! UH, OKAY.
I'M GONNA GO GRAB US SOME DRINKS, SO WAIT HERE FOR ME.
THEY'RE... THEY'RE OKAY WITH IT?
NOTE kanpai = cheers
KANPAI!
GLUG GLUG

UH..
I JUST GOTTA DANCE!
OH MY GOD!! I LOVE THIS SONG!!
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ビート
HUH?
SHE'S PRETTY AMAZ-ING, EH?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME NAO'S BROUGHT A GUY HERE, YOU KNOW

HM?
SQUIRM SQUIRM
I JUST LOVE THIS DJ'S TASTE IN MUSIC!
WHAT'S WRONG?
ER... IT'S JUST THAT...
ER...
WELL?
I THOUGHT SO.
YOU ROCKED!
WAS YOU WERE AWESOME!
AH... YEAH...
SO, WHAT DO YA' THINK? PRETTY SMOOTH, EH?
Y-YEAH! TOTALLY SMOOTH!

ANDY! ANDY!
LET'S DANCE!
ANDY! ANDY!
ANDY! ANDY!
DON'T BE SILLY! I WANNA SEE HOW YOU DANCE!
N-NO WAY! I DON'T KNOW HOW...
OH, YEAH! ANDY, COME DANCE WITH US!
LET'S GO!
GULP!
ALL RIGHT!
IT MAY HAVE JUST BEEN BECAUSE OF THE BEER I HAD BEFORE, BUT I COULDN'T STOP FROM DANCING LIKE A MADMAN.
HELL YEAH!
YOU'RE JAMMIN', MY JUDO-MAN!
WOO-HOO! GO, ANDY!
OH-HO! YOU THINK I'M SHOWING TOO MUCH SKIN?
W-WON'T YOU GET IN A TROUBLE FOR... DRESSING LIKE THAT HERE?
OH, THIS?
YOU'RE SO FUNNY!
Tee-hee!
S-STOP JOKING AROUND.
WHAT IF I PUT THEM A LITTLE CLOSER, HUH?
SURE!
HEY, NAO-LET'S DANCE MORE.

PHEW.
JUDO'S REALLY ALL I'VE EVER KNOWN SO FAR.
I NEVER KNEW SUCH A PLACE EXISTED.
IT SURE WAS A CRAZY NIGHT.
I DOWNED THAT WHOLE MUG OF BEER JUST TO IMPRESS NAO.
I FELT AS THOUGH...I'D DISCOVERED A WHOLE NEW WORLD.
THAT NIGHT, I HARDLY GOT A WINK OF SLEEP THAT NIGHT.
COME ON, NAO. KNOCK IT OFF. IT WAS TOTALLY EMBARRASSING.
SERIOUSLY, ANDY! YOU WERE AWESOME!
Ha ha ha!
AT FIRST... I REALLY DIDN'T THINK I COULD EVER GET ALONG WITH THAT KIND OF CROWD.
OH... IT WAS FUN.
?!
BUT, REALLY. WHAT DO YA THINK?
I'M SO GLAD!
BUT EVERYONE TURNED OUT TO BE REALLY COOL! IT WAS... IT WAS REALLY FUN!
YEAH?
WHAT? TOMORROW? Well, okay
OKAY, ANDY, LET'S GO AGAIN TOMORROW!

RIGHT, ANDY?
IF YOU WANT TO CALL ANDY, YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT THROUGH ME FIRST!
N-NAO?!
UH, I DON'T HAVE--
R-RIGHT.
HUH?
TSK, TSK.
GIVE ME A BREAK!
LET'S DANCE, ANDY!
AND THAT'S HOW NAO AND I...
...CAME TO THE CLUB ALMOST EVERY NIGHT.
...AND SHE WOULD SHINE.
I'll teach you how to dance tomorrow.
SHE WAS A WILD AND MYSTERIOUS GIRL...

THEN, THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAD TO GO ON AHEAD WITHOUT NAO, BECAUSE SHE DECIDED TO BE LATE! I HOPE I'LL BE OKAY ON MY OWN...
YOU ALONE TONIGHT? SIT OVER HERE.
HEY, ANDY! HOW'S IT HANGING?
YO!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT'S YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER, DUDE?
YOU WERE REALLY AWESOME YESTERDAY!
S-SURE...

I'VE CHANGED?
SURE.
WELL, SEE YOU LATER STOP BY THE JUDO CLUB SOMETIME, OKAY?
IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF NAO THAT IT'S EASIER TO TALK TO GIRLS NOW.
I WONDER WHY?
WELL, I DON'T GET ALL NERVOUS WHEN I TALK TO SAITOU ANYMORE.
THEN, JUST LIKE EVERY NIGHT...
KNOCK IT OFF! I'M A GUY!
YOU KNOW THAT SHINGO GUY? I THINK HE'S TOTALLY CRUSHING ON YOU, ANDY.
WE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW.
SORRY, DUDE MAYBE NEXT TIME
YOU GOING HOME ALREADY, ANDY?
SEE YA!
G'NIGHT
SAITOU!
HUH?
TETSUO-KUN?
I WONDER IF IT'S JUST MY IMAGINATION...?
I WAS WORRIED YOU MIGHT BE DEPRESSED ABOUT IT.
TOO BAD THAT HAD TO HAPPEN, THOUGH.
REALLY? THANKS. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME. I'M FINE.
OH, IT'S TOTALLY HEALED.
HOW'S YOUR INJURY?
HUH? YOU THINK SO?
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT YOU'VE... CHANGED SOMEHOW.

HUH?
IT'S JUST THAT. YOU LOOKED PRETTY LONELY WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.
REMEMBER? WHEN I FIRST INVITED YOU TO THE CLUB...
...IT FELT LIKE ..YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT NOT BELONGING ANYWHERE.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, OF COURSE I WISH I HADN'T HIT YOU WITH MY BIKE, BUT..
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT/
THAT'S BECAUSE EVERYONE'S REALLY NICE.
FEELS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY GETTING THE HANG OF IT.
HEE HEE HEE
I'M SO GLAD.
HUH?
HUH?
W-WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT?
OH, NOTHING .. IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING

SEE YA LATER, ANDY!
YOU'RE SO SILLY! I ALREADY TOLD YOU, REMEMBER? TEN O'CLOCK.
Ha ha ha!
WHAT?
N-NAO...?
...BUT HOW DOES SHE FEEL ABOUT ME?
I...I KNOW I LIKE NAO...
HUH?!
...I WAS WONDERING WHAT WE WE'RE MEETING TOMORROW.
N-NO, IT'S JUST.
HUH?
WHAT? CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO TELL ME.
PFF!
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING TO LAUGH AT!
OKAY OKAY.
YEAH, THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, ANDY.
HUH? B-BUT, YOU JUST SAID...
HOP ON! LET'S HANG OUT FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT!
WHAT...?
EEEEEK!
I...
YOU WANT ME TO RUN YOU OVER AGAIN?!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? JUMPING INTO THE ROAD LIKE THAT!
I LOVE YOU!

REPORT 3 Love, Piercings and Jude (End)

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TALK ABOUT DENSE. CAN'T YOU TAKE A HINT?
AND THAT'S HOW NAO AND I STARTED DATING.
I WAS PREPARED TO BE REJECTED BY HER, BUT SHE ACCEPTED ME RIGHT OFF THE BAT.

YOU OUGHT TO DANCE MORE OFTEN YOURSELF, ANDY! YOU'VE REALLY GOT TALENT! EVERYONE LOVED IT THE FIRST TIME YOU GOT OUT ON THE FLOOR.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A LOT OF FUN WHEN YOU DANCE.
MAN, I LOVE JUST LOSING MYSELF IN THE MUSIC. WHEN I DANCE, IT'S LIKE ALL THE NASTY THINGS JUST DISAPPEAR!
HA HA HA.
HEY, THAT'S NOT FUNNY.
WHY DO YOU ASK?
HUH?
DO YOU THINK I'M PRETTY?
HEY, ANDY?
SO, SHOULDN'T WE KISS?
WELL, WE'VE ALREADY BEEN GOING OUT FOR A WHILE NOW...
WONDERFUL
YAH
YO!
ANDY!

OH!
YOU SURE ARE ROUGH.
THAT ISN'T EXACTLY SOMETHING YOU ASK A GIRL, YOU KNOW.
YOU MEAN, IT'S OKAY?
OH! UH...
ガシ
tremble tremble
RIGHT...
YOU BETTER PRACTICE BEFORE WE KISS AGAIN.
S-SORRY.
...EVERYDAY WAS LIKE A DREAM WITH NAO.
DON'T ASK ME.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PRACTICE?
AFTER HAVING SPENT ALL MY LIFE DRIPPING WITH SWEAT IN JUDO CLASS...

SAITOU?
OH! TETSUO-KUN!
...IT'S SO MUCH MORE FUN HANGING OUT WITH NAO.
I'VE ALREADY LOST MY PLACE AS A REGULAR AND NOW...
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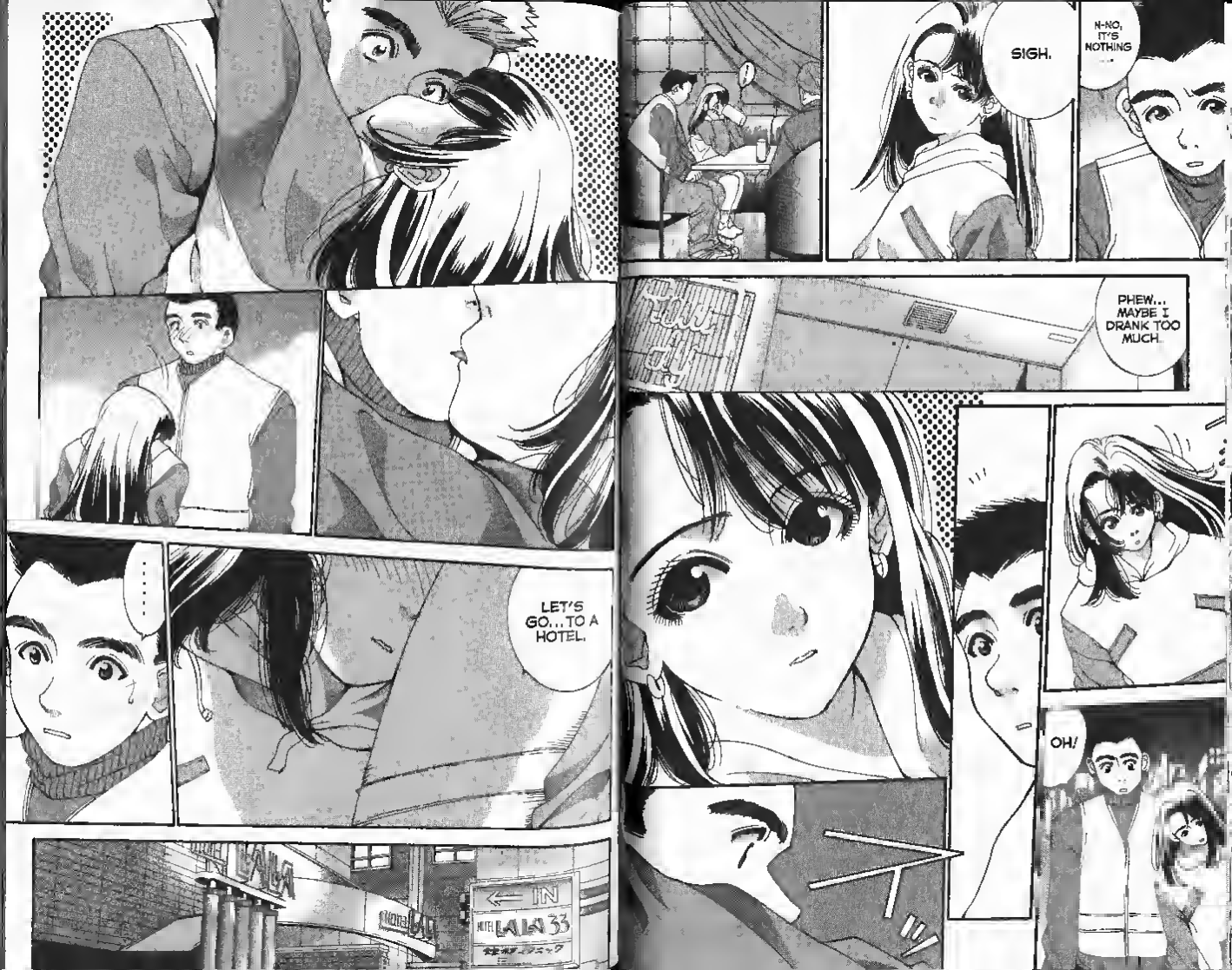
WHEN ONE DAY...
IS... IS THAT SO?
WHAT?!
YOU CAN GO BACK TO DOING JUDO NOW THAT YOUR ARM'S HEALED.
OH?
WELL, NOT YET...
CAN YOU JOIN THE TEAM AGAIN?
ドン
HIYAA!
WOW... I CAN DO JUDO AGAIN.
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN

.....
SEE YOU LATER.
...AS I WORRIED ABOUT HOW I'D TELL NAO ABOUT JOINING THE JUDO TEAM AGAIN.
THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS PASSED BY..
THERE YOU GO WITH YOUR HEAD UP IN THE CLOUDS AGAIN YOU LOOK LIKE A MESS. SOMETHING WORRYING YOU?
YOWCH~
THAT NIGHT...
NAO...
IT WAS SO LAME I THOUGHT I'D JUST DIE! HA HA HA!
YEAH! YOU MEAN AT THE SHOP?
I JUST CAN'T ENJOY MYSELF AT THE CLUB AS MUCH
NOW THAT I KNOW I CAN GO BACK TO JUDO BECAUSE MY ARM S RECOVERED
SORRY.. I'M JUST NOT FEELING VERY WELL.
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU ZONING OUT FOR, ANDY? IT'S RUDE!
IF I JOIN THE TEAM AGAIN, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HANG OUT WITH NAO LIKE BEFORE
AW, MAN! YOU'RE LEAVING?
I'M HEADING HOME NOW.
YOU FEELING OKAY, ANDY?


SIGH.
H-NO, IT'S NOTHING
PHEW... MAYBE I DRANK TOO MUCH
OH!
LET'S GO...TO A HOTEL.
IN
HOTEL LALA 33

W-WELL, WE ARE GOING OUT, SO... IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOMETIME.
NOW WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?
?!
I'M GOING TO GO TAKE A SHOWER, OKAY?
O-OKAY.

D-DON'T STARE AT ME LIKE THAT.
OH! S-SORRY
I... I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
I'VE...I'VE DECIDED TO JOIN THE JUDO CLUB AGAIN.
WHAT?!
OH... RIGHT.
YOU... YOU SHOULD TAKE A SHOWER TOO.
badum badum badum

...I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SIT STILL/ I WANT TO DO JUDO AGAIN/
BUT NOW THAT MY ARM'S HEALED, AND THEY TOLD ME I COULD GO BACK...
AND I LOVE ALL THE CLUBS YOU TOOK ME TO. AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS...
YOU'RE THE ONE I LOVE.
THAT'S SO CRUEL OF YOU!
.....
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU.
WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU? ME OR JUDO?/
HUH?
FINE/ IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME...
I...DON'T MAKE ME...
DOESN'T THAT MATTER TO YOU?
BUT...IF YOU JOIN IT, THEN... WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HANG OUT ANYMORE.
YOU WEREN'T ENJOYING YOURSELF AT ALL WITH ME.
SO, THIS IS WHY YOU'VE BEEN ACTING FUNNY LATELY.
NO/ THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS/
BESIDES, YOU'VE GOT YOUR CUTE MANAGER WAITING FOR YOU...
N-NO/ OF COURSE NOT--

...THEN GO BACK TO YOUR PRECIOUS JUDO WITH BLEACHED HAIR AND A PIERCING!
THEN I'LL BELIEVE YOU!
YOU COULD NEVER DO IT...
NOW GET OUT OF HERE!
WHOA! AND A PIERCING TOO!
TETSUO-KUN! WHAT'D YOU DYE YOUR HAIR FOR?
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
NO WAY!
WHAT THE--?
H-HEY, GUYS. SO... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
MAYBE THIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA...
HA HA HA HA...
THE SENIORS ARE SCARY, RIGHT? THEY'LL PROBABLY KILL YOU FOR THIS, YOU KNOW
YOU THINK THIS IS GOING TO GO OVER WELL WITH THE JUDO CLUB?
WELL... WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE.

W-WAIT!
MAYBE, BUT A PROM-ISE IS A PROM-ISE.
!!
:

H?!
OH!
JUST LIKE I PROM-ISED.
BUT, AREN'T YOU GOING TO GET IN TROUBLE?
YES, IT IS!
OH MY GOD! IS THAT REALLY YOU?
AN...DY?

DUMMY. DON'T CRY BE CAUSE OF THIS.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE TOTALLY BALD...
...YOU WERE REALLY COOL.
YESTERDAY
...THAT YOU LOVE BOTH ME AND JUDO!
AND NOW I UNDERSTAND...
A-ANDY?!
Y-YOUR HAIR...
HA HA... NOW, THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D GO OUT WITH ME, HUH?
YES, YOU DO LOOK LIKE A BIG CHUMP!
THEY... THEY SHAVED IT OFF. A-AND TOOK MY EARRING.
I LOOK LIKE A JOKE.

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YES! I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU!
YOU MEAN, EVEN IF I DO JUDO--
BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE TO GO CLUBBING WITH ME EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE. GOT IT?
RIGHT!

REALLY! THOSE JERKS CAN BE SO MEAN!
IT'S NOT SO BAD. MORE GIRLS ARE GETTING TALLER THESE DAYS. BESIDES, YOU COULD MAKE A GREAT SUPER-MODEL!
THEY KNOW I'M SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT MY HEIGHT.
YEAH! I KNOW A BUNCH OF GIRLS WHO ADMIRE YOU.
YOU THINK SO?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER IF I ONLY ATTRACT GIRLS?
HA HA HA HA
カラオケ スタジオ
KARAOKE STUDIO
OKAY.
IT'S ALREADY LATE, SO HOW ABOUT YOU WALK OGATA HOME. OKAY, YAMADA?
WE'RE HEADED THIS WAY! G'NIGHT!
NOCK OFF, YOU ERKS!
YEAH! YAMADA'S ONLY 170CM. SO MAYBE YOU'LL BE THE ONE PROTECTING HIM!
YOU'LL BE FINE, OGATA. YOU'RE ALREADY 175CM TALL!
* 170 cm = 5 feet 5 inches * 175 cm = 5 feet 7 inches
THANKS, YAMADA!
ERIKO! NOT YOU TOO!
AH HA HA HA HA
TOMO'S NEVER HAD TROUBLE WITH PERVERTS ON A CROWDED TRAIN BEFORE!
SEE YA!
BYE-BYE!
SEE YA LATER!

O-OGATA... LIKES ME?!
AND SHE DIDN'T LET IT ON AT ALL!
THIS IS... A LOVE LETTER?
HOW COULD I EVER SAY NO?!
IF YOU ACCEPT, PLEASE MEET ME IN FRONT OF THE MOYAI STATUE IN SHIBUYA TOMORROW MORNING.
...BUT I GAVE UP BECAUSE I ASSUMED SHE'D NEVER WANT A BOYFRIEND WHO WAS SHORTER THAN HER.
I'VE HAD A CRUSH ON OGATA FOR A LONG TIME NOW...
WOOHOO!
BUT NOW... BUT NOW...!

HERE. READ THIS.
?!
WHAT IS IT?
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT!
WELL, THIS IS MY STOP.
.....?
Everyone is so
But this is written
straight from the heart.
Plea'e go out with me.
— Ogata Tomo
WHAT?!

OH NO! WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO-MORROW?
THEN, ON THE DAY OF OUR FIRST DATE...
HI.
MAN, I'M WAY TOO NERVOUS
OH!
IT'S... OGATA!
HM?
Y-YO...
YEAH, I GUESS SO...
SO...YOU DECIDED TO COME
RIGHT
HA HA HA! W-WHAT ARE WE GETTING ALL NER-VOUS ABOUT?
.....
REALLY?
OKAY.
ER... ANYWAY, LET'S TAKE A WALK
YOU LOOK REALLY GREAT TODAY!

OH!
Your breasts
LOOK, MY HEIGHT WASN'T THE ONLY THING THAT WAS GROWING TOO FAST.
W-WELL, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THEM NOW?
I'M DOWN-RIGHT PROUD OF THEM!
IT WAS ALWAYS SO EMBARRASSING FOR ME. THE WAY THE BOYS WOULD STARE AT ME IN GYM CLASS.
WELL, YOUR SIZE IS--
BUT IT'S ALWAYS HARD FOR ME TO FIND CUTE CLOTHES.
ACK! I MEAN--
*160 = 5 feet, 2 inches
W-WHAT'S WRONG?
BUT I HAD MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT THAN JUST MY HEIGHT--
I WAS ALREADY 160CM BY THE TIME I WAS IN SIXTH GRADE.
HA HA. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I-IS THAT SO...?
I'M USED TO HEARING THAT I'M A GIANT EVER SINCE I WAS IN SCHOOL.

LET ME SEE! LET ME SEE!
THEY CAME OUT GREAT!
TEE-HEE! I CHEATED... NOW I LOOK LIKE A CUTE LITTLE GIRL NEXT TO YOU!
SHE LOOKED SO ADORABLE JUST NOW
HUH—?
...AND THEN WANDERED AROUND THE CITY.
AFTERWARD, WE WENT TO DINNER AND A MOVIE.
HEE HEE!
HA HA HA!
COME ON! LET'S TAKE A PICTURE!
A PHOTO BOOTH!
OH! LOOK!
HERE WE GO!
Please wait a moment.
IN MEMORY OF TODAY!
OKAY! SURE!

OKAY.
FORGET ABOUT IT! LET'S GO!
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
HUH?
THAT ARCADE SURE HAD A LOT OF VIRTUA 3!
...WE WENT ON TONS OF DATES...
AND LIKE THAT...
THEN ONE DAY...
OH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
TRUE LOVE
BUT THEY'D NEVER LOOK GOOD ON ME, WOULD THEY?
I WAS JUST ADMIRING THESE HIGH HEELS.
WHAT? FOR REAL?!
YEAH, I DON'T THINK WE CAN HIDE IT MUCH LONGER. LET'S TELL THE OTHERS.
YOU KNOW, THE GUYS HAVE BEEN STARTING TO ASK ME, "HEY, YAMADA, YOU GUYS REALLY GOING OUT?"
WHAT? YOU DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW WE'RE DATING?

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.....
REEEALLY?
Teehee!
UH, NO! THAT'S NOT IT--
I'M GOING TO KISS HER!
I... I CAN DO THIS!
Blush
HUH?
WELL, OKAY. BUT BEFORE WE TELL THEM, CAN WE...
OKAY, FIRST KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED..
I HOPE IT GOES WELL.
TH-THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOR ME TOO!
HERE WE GO!
OH!!

GUESS IT REALLY IS HARD TO KISS A GIRL WHEN YOU'RE SHORTER THAN HER... WHAT WITH THE ANGLE BEING OFF, AND—
I GOTTA COME UP WITH A GOOD EXCUSE!
NOW I'VE DONE IT!
HA HA HA. LOOKS LIKE I REALLY MESSED UP BIG TIME.
HA HA... HA. YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
CERTAINLY WASN'T LIKE THOSE KISSES YOU SEE IN THE MOVIES, HUH? HA HA HA...
...IT'S JUST WEIRD, ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE RIGHT... WHEN THE GIRL IS TALLER...
OH...
HUH...?
SHIT! I JUST KISSED HER CHIN!!

AND THERE I GO, SAYING SOMETHING SO STUPID! I WASN'T EVEN THINKING ABOUT HER FEELINGS!
...IT'S JUST WEIRD, ISN'T IT?
SHE WAS CRYING...
NOW I LOOK LIKE A CUTE LITTLE GIRL.
GIRLS
DAMN IT! WHAT DO I DO NOW?!
I'M SO STUPID! SHE WAS MAKING IT SO OBVIOUS, AND I NEVER PICKED UP ON IT

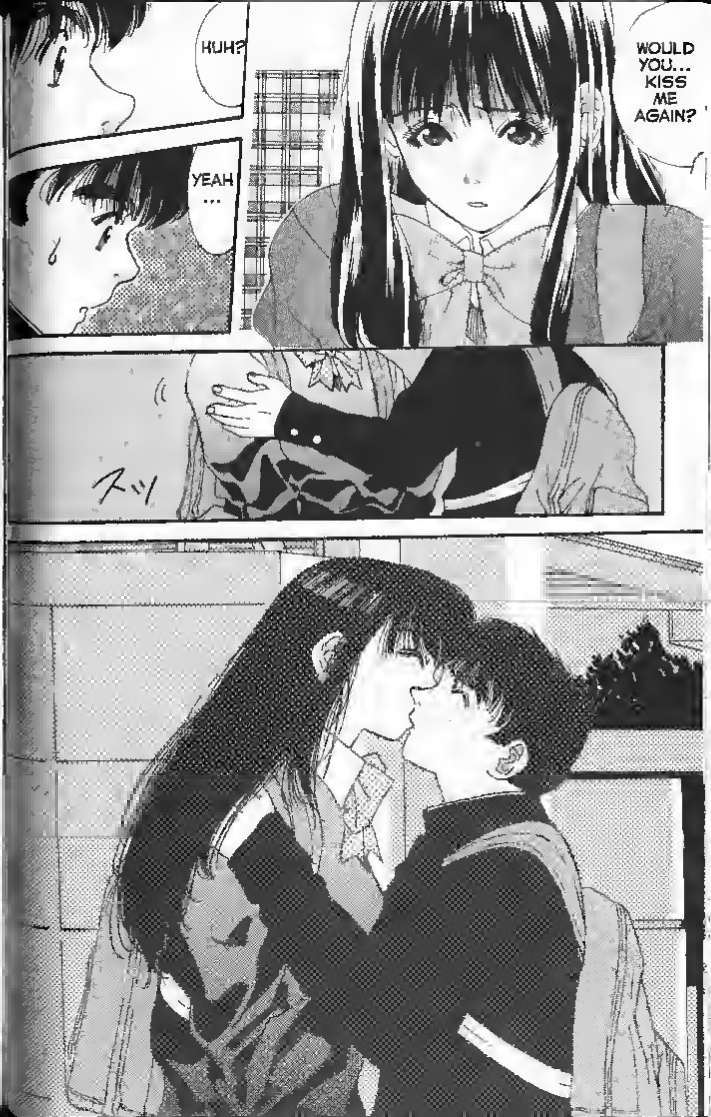
WAIT!
I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GO HOME NOW.
OGATA ...?
.....

I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY.
PLEASE, JUST LISTEN TO ME.
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE TALLER THAN ME OR ANY-THING!
I...I REALLY DO LIKE YOU!
AND...I JUST SAID THOSE THINGS BECAUSE I WAS SO NERVOUS.
YESTER-DAY WAS MY FIRST KISS, SO... OF COURSE IT WASN'T VERY GOOD.
I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU! EVEN YOUR HEIGHT! BECAUSE YOU ARE YOU!
?!
THEN, THE NEXT DAY...
SHE ALWAYS PASSES BY HERE ON THE WAY HOME...
?!
OGATA, WAIT! PLEASE!
GO AWAY!

YES... I THOUGHT THEY'D LOOK GOOD ON YOU.
THESE ARE...
YEAH, BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME!
BUT IF I WEAR THESE... I'LL ONLY BE TALLER.
Hug

O... OGATA?
NOW DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
HUH?
THEN... PLEASE TAKE THIS.

BOYS:BE
REPORT 5 Forbidden Cosplay


HUH?
YEAH...
WOULD YOU... KISS ME AGAIN?

BUT I COULD NEVER BE ANNOYED BY HER
SO YOU NOTICED?
YOU REALLY ARE A FUNNY GIRL
SHE'S ALSO ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR GIRLS IN CLASS.
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY, ISHI-KAWA?
HER NAME IS UEYAMA NAOKO. SHE'S HAPPY AND ALWAYS ENERGETIC.
YEAH, I GUESS
YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT MANGA, RIGHT?
OH! THAT'S RIGHT!
ANYWAY, WHAT IS IT YOU WANTED TO SAY?
FOR REAL?!
YEAH, I THINK I KNOW A PLACE.
...I WAS WONDER-ING IF YOU KNOW ANY PLACES THAT SELL IT?
WELL, THERE'S THIS REALLY OLD MANGA I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, AND

TEE HEE! I SCARED YOU, DIDN'T I?
EEP!
WHATCHA' READING?
U-UEYA-MA?!
WHOA!

GREAT!
I'M SURE THEY'LL HAVE THE BOOK YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HERE.
YUP. IT'S CALLED THAT BECAUSE IT'S REALLY NOTHING BUT MANGA INSIDE. HMM, KINDA LIKE A 100 YEN STORE FOR MANGA.
MANBA KARI?
*100 yen is o are like America $1 store!
?!
IRASSHA-IMASE!!
"Welcome!" greeting called out whenever customers enter a store in Japan.
WHAT'S THAT?
COSPLAY?
OH, THEY'RE JUST COSPLAY-ING.
W-WHAT'S WITH THEM?

I'M GOING SHOPPING AFTER SCHOOL... WITH IEYAMA?!
UH, SURE
SO, HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE ME THERE AFTER SCHOOL?
I CAN'T WAIT FOR SCHOOL TO LET OUT!
THEN, AFTER SCHOOL...
Manbaka is a play on the words manga baka, which mean nothing but mania
MANBAKA!!
YEAH, I DO.
YOU GO HERE A LOT, ISHIKAWA?
HUH?
AH! HERE WE ARE!

HUH? O-OKAY.
THEN, LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
I WOULD THINK AND I BET THEY HAVE IT FOR PLAYSTATION, TOO.
DO THEY HAVE THAT GAME IN THE ARCADES?
MOST OF ALL, ELEANOR. ALTHOUGH IT'S A LITTLE OVERDONE.
LET'S SEE... THAT'D PROBABLY BE THE CHARACTERS FROM THE FIGHTING GAME, "PLASMA WARRIORS."
YOU CAN GET SOME STORES TO MAKE THEM FOR YOU, BUT MOST PEOPLE MAKE THE COSTUMES THEMSELVES.
BUT WHERE CAN YOU BUY CLOTHES LIKE THAT?
OH...
IT'S WHEN YOU DRESS UP LIKE YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER THERE ARE A LOT OF VIDEO GAME CHARACTERS BEING COSPLAYED, TOO THESE DAYS
SHE'S SO CUTE! IS THAT ELEANOR?
AND THAT WAS HOW NAOKO FIRST HELD MY HAND...
STARE
HMMM...
...AND DRAGGED ME TO THE NEAREST ARCADE.
YEAH! SHE'S ALSO PRETTY STRONG, AND SHE'S GOT SOME GREAT COMBO MOVES!
HUH...?
OH! I FOUND IT! THIS IS THE ONE YOU WERE LOOKING FOR, RIGHT?
THEN, ALMOST A WEEK AFTER THAT DAY...
HEY, ISHIKAWA? WHICH IS THE MOST POPULAR CHARACTER BEING COSPLAYED NOW?
HERE. THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR.
HUH?
UEYAMA?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M STILL TRYING TO MASTER THE SKY REFLECT ATTACK!
YOU'RE REALLY ADDICTED, AREN'T YOU?
CHECK IT OUT. MY EYES ARE ALL BLOODSHOT FROM PLAYING PLASMA WARRIORS TOO MUCH!
HEY, ISHIKAWA!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

THAT DAY, AFTER SCHOOL..
A SURPRISE, HUH? I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE...
M-MAYBE...
WE'VE GOTTEN CLOSER, AND ARE TALKING MORE, SO...
R-RIGHT.
IT'S THIS WAY.
S-SURE...
YOU CAN WAIT IN THE LIVING ROOM, 'KAY?
HUH?!
HERE'S MY HOUSE
ガチャ
HEY--
SORRY TO KEEP YOU!

I'VE BEEN TALKING MORE WITH NAOKO EVER SINCE THAT DAY.
PRESS-PRESS-TURN...?
SEE, IT'S A PRESS-PRESS TURN MOVE.
OH! THAT ONE'S ALL ABOUT THE TIMING
WELL, YEAH... THAT TOO.
TO... TO PLAY PLASMA WARRIORS?
HUH?
LISTEN, ISHIKAWA. YOU FREE TODAY? WANNA COME OVER?
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
A SURPRISE? WHAT THE HELL...?
IT'S...A... SURPRISE.
WELL, YOU SEE,

!
UH...
OH, N-NO! I MEAN, YOU LOOK AMAZING!
HUH?!
I'M SORRY, YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT/ I WORKED REALLY HARD ON IT!
REALLY?
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE HER FROM THE GAME!
YEAH! OF COURSE YOU LOOK GREAT!
SH-SHE'S COSPLAYING...
...AS THE PLASMA WARRIORS!...
...ELEANOR?
TA-DA!

GENOCITE MEMORIAL PEACH!
AND NOW, MY FINISHING MOVE
HOLY SHIT!!
TAKE THAT!
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS I CAN TAKE.
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
ERRRMM...
YAY! NOW I'LL DO MY VICTORY POSE!
I'M THE BEST IN THE UNIVERSE! Right?
TH-THOSE MELONS ARE SOFTER THAN ANY POLYGONS COULD BE!

YEAH
EVERY ONE LOOKS AMAZING!
OOPS ... AH!
THERE'S AN ELEANOR!
HM?
I DON'T WANT TO GET LOST MIND IF I HANG ON TO YOU?
AND ANOTHER ONE!
S-SURE
WELL, THERE ARE PLENTY OF COSPLAYERS AT THE COMICFEST CONVENTION.
REALLY? WHEN'S IT BEING HELD?
BUT IT'S BORING JUST WEARING MY COSTUME AROUND THE HOUSE AFTER I WORKED SO HARD ON IT...
COSPLAYING SURE IS FUN!
TAKE ME THERE!
THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE PLACE!
ER... NEXT SUNDAY, I THINK.
UH... SURE.
THAT NEXT SUNDAY..

ARROW!
ACK!
EXCUSE ME, BUT MAY I PLEASE TAKE YOUR PICTURE?
UH... SURE
OKAY!
LET'S SEE ONE OF YOUR ATTACK MOVES
COSMETIC

BUT NAOKO'S ELEANOR LOOKS THE BEST.
OKAY, I'M GOING OFF TO CHANGE NOW.
SURE THING
I'M REAAA-DY!
WOW!
SHE'S AMAZ-ING!
HEY, GUYS! CHECK OUT THIS ELEANOR! SHE'S A REAL BABE!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
I'M THE ONE WHO BROUGHT HER!
YEAH, JUST KEEP LOOKING, BOYS.

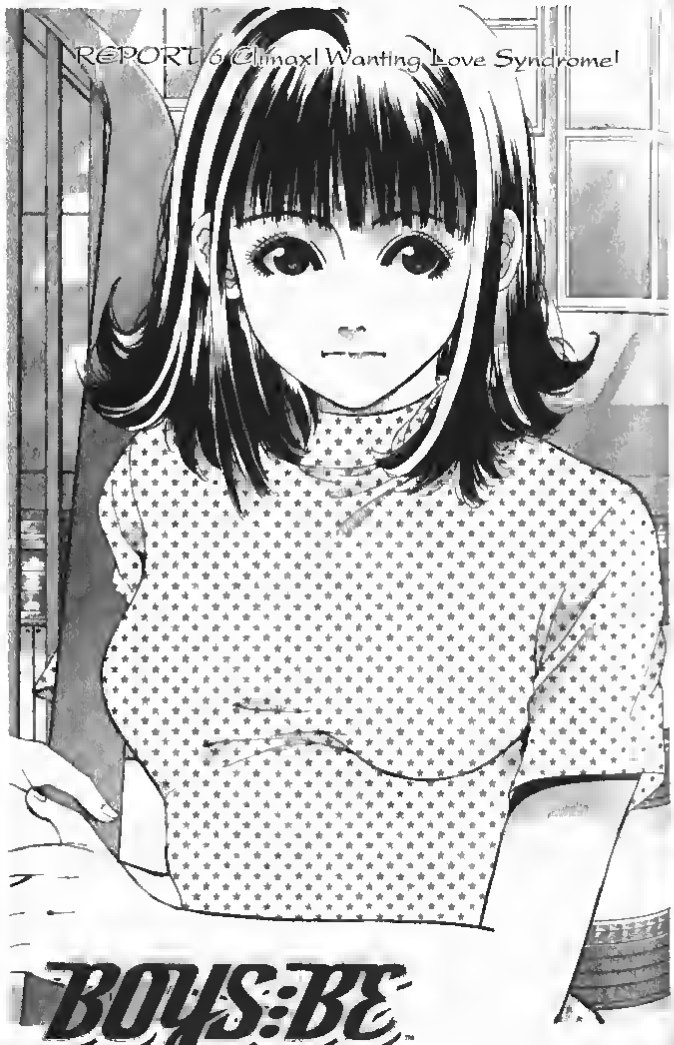
NO... THIS IS--!
OKAY! HERE WE GO!
LOVE LOVE FORTUNE!!
BASH
BASH
HEH HEH
WOO-HOO!
HOW CAN SHE DO THIS?!
NO...!

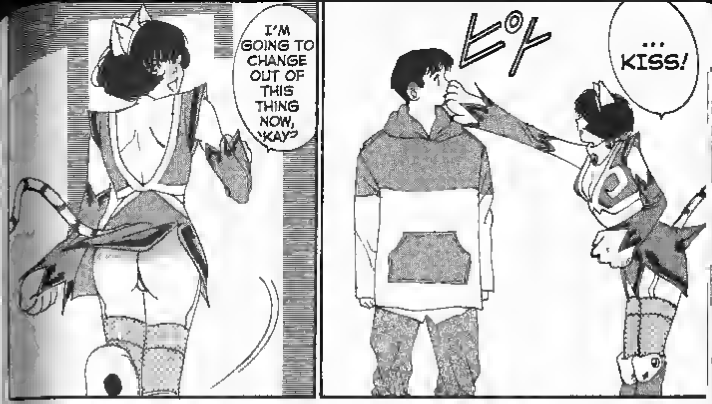
DROO...
ELEANOR-CHAN! YOU'RE ADOR-ABLE!
AND SO PRETTY!
HELLO.
EEK!
I AM VILFORCE, THE FINAL BOSS FROM PLASMA WARRIORS.
GET 'IM, ELEANOR!
USE YOUR FINISHING MOVE!
EXCUSE ME, COULD YOU BEND DOWN A LITTLE BIT, PLEASE?
IF YOU INSIST...
OH NO! NOT THE GENOCITE MEMORIAL PEACH!!

HUFF HUFF
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
HEY! WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I WAS HAVING FUN.
YOU WERE GOING TOO FAR!
WHY'D YOU GO RUNNING OUT LIKE THAT?
ALL THOSE GUYS TAKING YOUR PICTURE, AND HANGING ALL OVER YOU LIKE THAT...
...BUT I WASN'T!!
YOU MAY HAVE BEEN FINE WITH IT...

THAT MOVE?! OVER MY DEAD BODY!!
TH-TH-THE FINAL HEAVEN'S GATE--?!
W-WHAT THE--?!
AND NOW SWEETY... HEE HEE... COULD YOU SHOW US THE "FINAL HEAVEN'S GATE" MOVE?
HUH?!
AND HERE WE GO!
DON'T GET TOO AHEAD OF YOURSELVES, LOSERS!
WHAT?!
HUH?!
STOP !!

OKAY. I'LL STOP COSPLAYING THEN.
UNLESS IT'S WITH YOU.
AND NOW, MY DEADLY...
chu!
YOU MEAN--
HUH..?
BUT THAT'S BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!
OKAY! I WAS JEALOUS!
?!
YOU MEAN, YOU WERE JEALOUS?
Blush
I JUST CAN'T TAKE IT!
HUH?
D-DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! WHY WOULD I--


REPORT 6 Climax! Wanting Love Syndrome!
BOYS BE


I'M GOING TO CHANGE OUT OF THIS THING NOW, KAY?
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... KISS!

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I WIN!

AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH? MAKES THE TRIP HERE WORTH IT!
BUT I'M GLAD THE SKIRTS IN THIS PLACE ARE KEPT SHORT!
RIGHT. WE'VE ALREADY FILLED UP THREE HOURS WITH JUST ONE CUP OF COFFEE. MAYBE WE OUGHT TO GIVE IT A REST.
LET'S HEAD HOME NOW.
W-WHAT A CUTIE!!
I THINK SHE JUST CAME IN.
HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN HERE?
WHAT IS IT?
HUH?
HM?
CHECK IT OUT.

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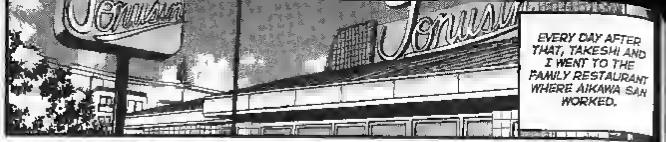
Jonusin
EXCUSE ME! REFILL OF COFFEE, PLEASE!
AIN'T IT THE TRUTH? NOTHING BUT LOVEY-DOVEY COUPLES AROUND TO DRIVE ME INSANE!
CHRISTMAS ALREADY? NOW IS CERTAINLY NOT THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY.
HM?
WE MAY WANT GIRLFRIENDS BUT DEFINITELY NOT ONE LIKE THAT...
WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?

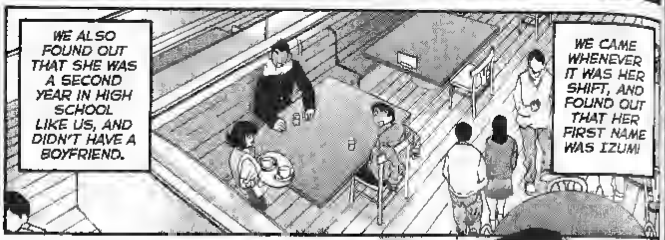
OOOH TOO BAD. I'M ALL OUTTA CASH.
UH, I'M NOT FINISHED ORDERING YET! I'LL HAVE THE--
MENU
...THAT SNEAK! HE MADE ME OUT TO LOOK LIKE A CHUMP WITH THAT SLAVE ORDER OF HIS, WHEN ALL I ORDERED WAS CURRY!
WHY THAT...

*Shiraishi Hitomi is the name of a popular adult video porn star.

1000 yen is about $9.25

TEE HEE!
HUH?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, HOW ABOUT YOU RETURN THAT PORN MAGAZINE I--
SH-SHUT UP! WELL, YOU STILL OWE ME THAT SHIRAISHI HITOMI* VIDEO I LENT YOU LAST SUMMER!
THAT WAS LOW! YOU STILL OWE ME 1,000 YEN, YOU KNOW! I DEMAND YOU PAY ME BACK NOW!


EVERY DAY AFTER THAT, TAKESHI AND I WENT TO THE FAMILY RESTAURANT WHERE AIKAWA SAN WORKED.


WE ALSO FOUND OUT THAT SHE WAS A SECOND YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL LIKE US, AND DIDN'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
WE CAME WHENEVER IT WAS HER SHIFT, AND FOUND OUT THAT HER FIRST NAME WAS IZUMI

!
HEE HEE.
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I WAS WONDERING... DID YOU JUST START WORKING HERE?
YES?
E-EXCUSE ME, BUT...
UH, YES.
ALL RIGHT SO THAT IS TWO CURRY, ONE CAPRICCIO SALAD AND ONE APRICOT CAKE?

YES, SIR, I DID! NICE TO MEET YOU!
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AIKAWA-SAN?
HEY, DID YOU SEE HER NAME-TAG? IT SAID AIKAWA-SAN.
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N-NO! THE PLEA-SURE'S ALL OURS!

TELL ME ABOUT IT A REAL BABE AND A GREAT PERSONALITY TO BOOT! MAKES ME LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK HERE TOMOR-ROW...
MAN, WHAT A SWEET PIECE OF...

HUH?
YOU WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
HEY! NO FAIR!
I...I THINK I MIGHT HAVE A CRUSH ON--
BECAUSE, I HAD A DREAM THAT I WENT ON A DATE WITH HER LAST NIGHT!
SAY WHAT?!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! I'M IN LOVE WITH HER!
I'M THE ONE WHO LIKES HER!
YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING DIRTY!
SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!
WHO YOU CALLING YOUR IZUMI?
YOU DIRTY BASTARD! HOW DARE YOU DO THAT TO MY IZUMI!
SORRY TO BUST YOUR BUBBLE, BUT I HAD A WET DREAM ABOUT HER!
OH, ISN'T THAT SWEET?
//OH!//
ERGH.
ERK!

NOT TO MENTION...
HMM, GOOD QUESTION... SURE, SHE'S A CUTIE, AND REALLY NICE, AND SHE'S GOT A GREAT SENSE OF STYLE...
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF AIKAWA-SAN?
...THAT RACK!
I WAS THINKING... AIKAWA-SAN'S REALLY NICE, YA KNOW?
WELL... IT'S JUST THAT...
WHAT?
NO, I MEAN ...!
NOW COULD I NOT?
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'. YOU NOTICED TOO, HUH?
RIGHT, LIKE THIS.
BOUNCE BOUNCE
THEY'D FIT JUST LIKE THIS...
BOUNCE BOUNCE

?
OH, IS THAT SO?
I MEAN, WOW! WHAT A COINCIDENCE! WE WERE JUST PASSING BY!
YOU HEADED HOME?
SO, WE WERE WONDERING IF...MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN US?
'CUZ ME AND TAKESHI HERE WERE JUST GOING TO HAVE DINNER, YA KNOW?
EX-CUSE ME?
YOU... HUNGRY?
SURE!
Tee hee!
YEAH, RIGHT! YOU THINK I'M JUST GOING TO SIT HERE AND TWIDDLE MY THUMBS WHILE SOMEONE ELSE TAKES HER?!
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN SAY THAT CAN CHANGE MY MIND!
PHEW! I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA CHOKE!
RIGHT! FAIR AND SQUARE!
WE'LL BOTH HAVE AN EQUAL CHANCE!
LISTEN, WHEN SHE GETS OUT OF WORK, WANT TO INVITE HER OUT SOME-WHERE?
R-RIGHT! IF WE INVITE HER AT ONCE, SHE'LL BE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD!
Jonusin
Jonusin
HUH?
H-HEY, THERE

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR OVER CHRISTMAS?
Not dropping the 3's pretense HERE!
.....
?!
OH! SPEAKING OF WHICH...
WOW, SO YOU SNOWBOARD?
AH HA HA HA
YES, A BIT. HEE HEE.
BUT WHAT I'D REALLY LIKE IS TO SPEND THE CHRISTMAS WITH A BOYFRIEND.
OH, NOTHING SPECIAL. JUST HAVING DINNER WITH MY FAMILY. THE USUAL.
I TOTALLY AGREE!
Y-YEAH! ALL THE WAY!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT WOULD BE NICE?

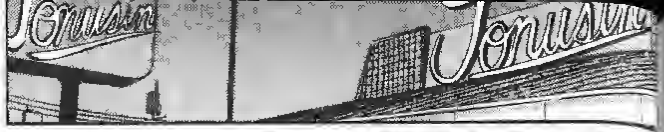
WELL, MAYBE A LITTLE.
WERE YOU SURPRISED WHEN WE INVITED YOU OUT SO ABRUPTLY?
HUH?!
I WOULDN'T HAVE SAID "YES" TO ANYONE ELSE.
ARE WE BOTHERING YOU?
A-ARE WE BEING TOO PESKY?
...BECAUSE I SEE YOU ALMOST EVERY DAY!
I FEEL LIKE WE ALREADY KNOW EACH OTHER...
D-OH, REALLY?
NO, NO! NOTHING LIKE THAT! I JUST THOUGHT YOU WERE A COUPLE OF INTERESTING GUYS.

THEN I'LL RUB RUB RUB RUUUUUB THOSE BREASTS.
Pruni
IDIOT. I WAS JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART.
KNOCK IT OFF
...I'LL LAY A NICE WET KISS ON THOSE LUSCIOUS LIPS OF HERS--
OH.
WH-WHAT'S WITH THE SERIOUS ATTITUDE ALL OF A SUDDEN?
HUH?
I SAID KNOCK IT OFF!
...TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT... ABOUT HER.
WELL, YEAH, BUT...I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA ANYMORE...
YOU USED TO LIKE JOKING AROUND LIKE THIS.
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?
...BEFORE WE DROPPED HER OFF AND WALKED HOME.
WE TALKED FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...
DON'T YOU THINK, TAKESHI?
MAN, AIKAWA-SAN IS SUCH A CUTIE!
YEAH, SHE'S CUTE.
WOO HOO!
I THINK WE'VE REALLY GOT A CHANCE.
JUST LIKE THAT! ADORABLE!
"DON'T YOU THINK IT'D BE NICE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH A BOY-FRIEND?"
Tee hee!
...AND THEN, WE CAN GET HER A LITTLE DRUNK ON CHAMPAGNE, AND WHEN SHE SAYS, "MAYBE I SHOULD LIE DOWN FOR A MINUTE..."
MAYBE, SHE'LL SAY OKAY TO GOING ON A DATE WITH US FOR CHRISTMAS...

TABLE FOR ONE, MY ASS! WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?!
I'M SORRY, YUU! I BROKE OUR PROMISE!
BROKE IT?
AIKAWA-SAN?!
THE TRUTH IS, WE'RE...
HUH?
THEN, A FEW DAYS LATER...
BEST NOT TO MISS THIS CHANCE!
GUESS I'LL JUST GO ALONE TODAY.
SEE YA LATER!
S-SORRY! NOT TODAY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUH?
HEY, YOU WANT TO STOP BY THAT FAMILY RESTAURANT AGAIN TODAY?
HOWEVER, WHAT I SAW WAS...
THINKING THIS WAS MY CHANCE WITH TAKESHI GONE, I WENT TO THE RESTAURANT AS USUAL.
HUH?
IRA-SSAI-MASE!
TABLE FOR ONE, SIR?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING IN THE CRAZY GETUP?

TAKESHI AND AIKAWA-SAN ARE GOING OUT...?
THAT MEANS I LOST.
I WOULD LISTEN TO THIS CD AND CRY.
LAST TIME I GOT MY HEART BROKEN, I COULDN'T EAT FOR NEARLY A WEEK!
I DON'T THINK I'LL GET OVER THIS FOR A WHILE
NOW I GET IT. SO THIS IS WHY THAT JERK WAS ACTING FUNNY.
EVEN WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES LIKE THIS, I'M STILL ABLE TO... BUT I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TAKE BACK THAT SPARKLING DAY...
BEEP

...WE'RE GOING OUT!
IT'S TRUE.
Y-YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
WHAAAAT?!
HA... HA HA...
I'M SORRY, YUU'
AFTER THAT FIRST TIME WE ALL WENT OUT, TAKESHI-KUN CALLED ME, AND... WE MET THAT SUNDAY, AND...
YUU!
I'M GOING HOME
I'M...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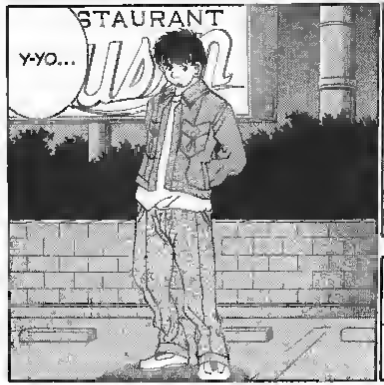
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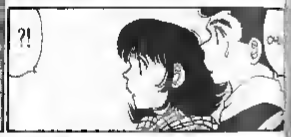
Y-YO...

HEE HEE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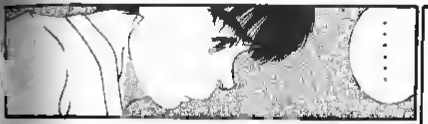
HUH?
HOW COME YOU GUYS AREN'T HOLDING HANDS?

YUU... LISTEN-

YOU GUYS ARE GOING OUT, AREN'T YOU? THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS HOLD HANDS!

IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY.

THIS ISN'T HOW A HEART-BROKEN GUY SHOULD BE THINKING!
W-WHAT AM I THINKING?
EVEN IF SHE IS MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL-FRIEND, I CAN STILL GET OFF ON--
WAIT!
DAMN HIM... NOW I CAN'T FANTASIZE ABOUT AIKAWA-SAN ANYMORE!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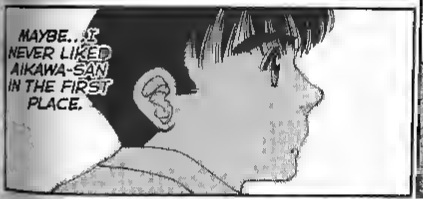
HM?!


MAYBE... I NEVER LIKED AIKAWA-SAN IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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BUT...

MAYBE I JUST WANTED AN EXCUSE TO COMPETE AGAINST TAKESHI.

...I HAVE TO MAKE SURE!

HUH?
DON'T WORRY. I ALREADY KNOW THAT I DON'T LIKE AIKAWA-SAN.
W-WHAT IS IT?
COME HERE A MINUTE, TAKESHI
!
ALL RIGHT
IT WAS CLEAR ONCE I NOTICED HOW MY HEART DIDN'T REACT AT ALL WHEN I SAW YOU GUYS HANGING ONTO EACH OTHER LIKE THAT.
I ONLY GOT ALL EXCITED ABOUT HER BECAUSE I WAS COMPETING AGAINST YOU FOR HER.
SO, STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME, OKAY?!
I SEE...
O-OKAY...
IS THAT TRUE?
YES.
KRRRR!
HUH..?
OKAY.
W-WELL...
HUH?
STILL TOO STRAINED. HOW ABOUT YOU HOLD ONTO HIS ARM MORE?
.....
L... LIKE THIS?

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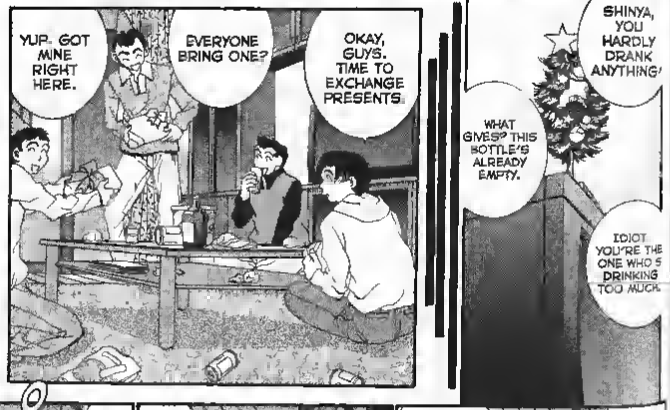
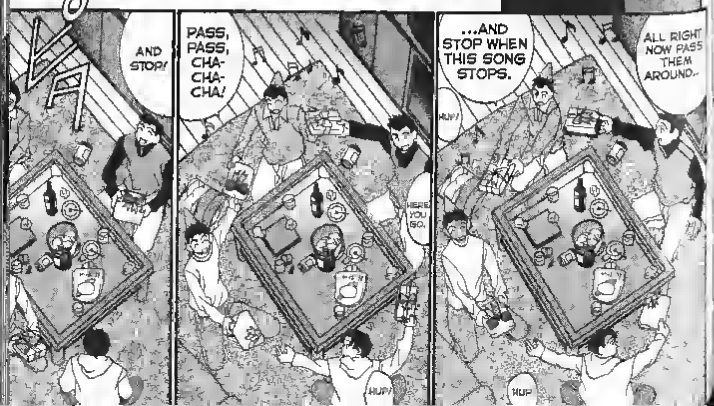
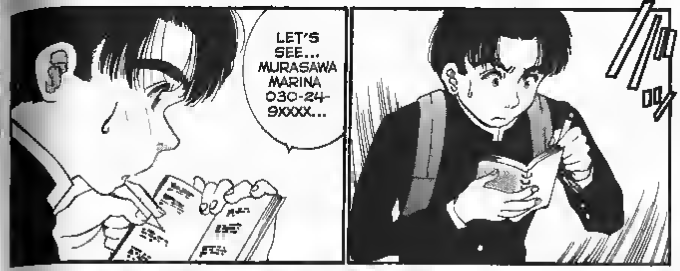
YEAH! SURE I WILL!
YOU CAN AT LEAST HAVE HER INTRODUCE ME TO HER FRIENDS, OKAY?
BUT IT PISSES ME OFF THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GETS THE GIRL!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A CELL PHONE
THANKS.
HERE, YOU DROPPED THIS, MURASAWA-SAN
SO, SHINYA. CHRISTMAS PARTY AT YOUR PLACE, RIGHT?
RIGHT, THEN WE'LL SEE YOU AFTER PRACTICE.
SEE YA.
RIGHT.
GUESS I'LL HEAD HOME NOW.
YUP!
I WON IT FROM THE KARAOKE BOX. NOT TOO SHABBY, HUH? HEH HEH HEH.
OH! I'LL TELL YOU MY NUMBER!
IT'S 030 24-SXXXX. GOT IT?
O-OKAY.
KUH?!
KARA
KARA
HUH?
H-HEY! WAIT--
SURE!
...SO CALL ME WHEN-EVER YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!
I GET LONELY IF NO ONE CALLS ME.

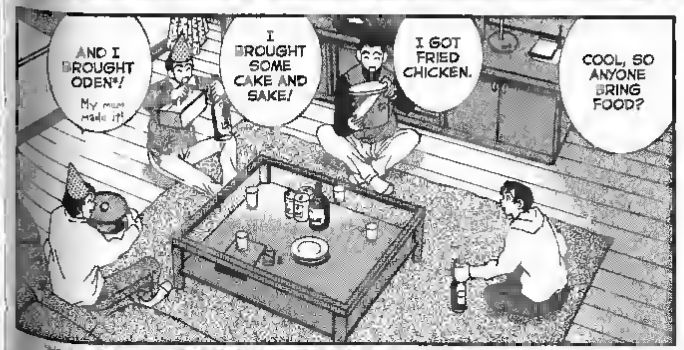
ALL RIGHT! LET'S DRINK!
KANPAI!
UH OH. SOMEONE SAID THE G-WORD.
WELL, ANYWAY, TIME TO CELEBRATE! EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE ANY GIRLS!
DON'T BE MEAN! IT'S REALLY GOOD!
WHAT?! ODEN?! YOU DON'T EAT ODEN ON CHRISTMAS EVE!!


YUP. GOT MINE RIGHT HERE.
EVERYONE BRING ONE?
OKAY, GUYS. TIME TO EXCHANGE PRESENTS.
SHINYA, YOU HARDLY DRANK ANYTHING!
WHAT GIVES? THIS BOTTLE'S ALREADY EMPTY.
IDIOT. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S DRINKING TOO MUCH.





...I WAS LEFT IN CHARGE OF THE HOUSE, WITH MY PARENTS GONE ON A TRIP TO THE HOT SPRINGS. WITHOUT ANY GIRLS, WE WERE A SORRY BUNCH OF GUYS.
THEN, ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE...



*Oden: a popular Japanese hotpot dish that includes daikon radish, fish cake, boiled eggs, konnyaku and more. It's often eaten in winter, but is hardly appropriate for celebrating the holidays!

YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT!
Y-YEAH. IF WE HAD GIRLS HERE WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PARTY LIKE THIS.
I MEAN, THAT'S THE GOOD THING ABOUT IT ONLY BEING US GUYS
I GUESS...
UH, S'OKAY IF I BORROW THIS ONE?
WHAT'S THIS SUPPOSED TO BE?
BIGWOOD
WHAT THE--?
HUH?
BUT, I DON'T CARE IF EVEN WE DO HAVE PORNO MAGA-ZINES. I STILL WISH A GIRL WOULD COME--
AND IT'S BEEN USED!
WHOSE... PORNO MAGAZINE IS THIS?
WHAT DO I NEED THIS THING FOR?
OH, THAT WAS MY PRESENT.
THAT HURTS! ALL RIGHT! I'M SOR-RY! I'M SORRY!
WE WERE ALL TRYING OUT HARDEST NOT TO!
WE PROMISED WE WOULDN'T SAY THAT!!
HUH?
WOW... THIS IS PRETTY HOT.
HEY, THAT'S NOT NICE! THAT'S MY TREASURED MAGAZINE, MIND YOU! I THOUGHT IT'D BE MEAN TO ONLY GIVE YOU ONE ISSUE 'CUZ IT'S SECOND-HAND, SO I GAVE YOU A WHOLE SET OF THREE!
GROSS! THERE'S PUBIC HAIR STUCK IN THE PAGES!
HUH?!
SHINYA! DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT!
WAAAH! I CAN'T STAND IT ANY-MORE! I NEED A GIRL TOO!
BUT, GOD-DAMMIT! I WANT A GIRL TOO!

UH, HI. MURASAWA-SAN? HEY, THIS IS ANDOU. RIGHT. ANDOU SHINYA...
K-ellek
HEY!
OH-HO! AND WHAT'S THIS?! WHY DO YOU HAVE MURASAWA MARINA'S NUMBER IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK, HM?
B-BUT, WHAT CAN I DO?
...UH... WE WERE WONDERING IF... YOU'D MAYBE LIKE TO COME OVER?
WHAT? YOU'RE GOING OUT TO A PARTY? OH! WELL YOU SEE, THERE'S ONLY US GUYS HERE, SO...
B-BUT, I...
SHINYA, ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU GOTTA CALL HER UP NOW!
DID YOU JUST SAY MURASAWA?! YOU MEAN ONE OF THE MOST GORGEOUS BABES IN SCHOOL?!
GIVE THAT BACK!
UH...SHE SAID SHE MIGHT STOP BY LATER.
Beep
THEN, SEE YOU LATER.
REALLY? YEAH, YEAH. OKAY, I SEE.
WELL?
HERE! NOW TALK!
WHAT?!
Beep Beep
AH, FORGET IT! I'LL CALL HER FOR YOU!
Brrrring Brrrring

THREE HOURS LATER...
SHE DIDN'T SAY DEFINITELY.
WELL, SHE DID SAY SHE MIGHT BE COMING OVER.
SHINYA, ARE YOU SURE SHE SAID SHE WAS COMING?
DANG. MAYBE SHE'S NOT COMING AFTER ALL.
A-/
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE'S NO WAY MURASAWA WOULD COME OVER WITH THE WAY SHINYA INVITED HER.
SEE YA 'ROUND, SHINYA.
ME TOO.
ME TOO.
I'M HEADED HOME.

WOO-HOO!!
ACK!
WHY YOU...!
UH, WELL... YOU SEE...
BUT ANYWAY. HOW DID YOU KNOW MURASAWA'S NUMBER IN THE FIRST PLACE?
YOU ARE TRULY OUR MESSIAH.
RIGHT.
NORMALLY, I WOULD KILL YOU. BUT BECAUSE MURASAWA'S COMING OVER, I GUESS I CAN FORGIVE YOU.
COME ON, GUYS. TRY THE CDEN...
WOO-HOO! LET'S DRINK!
CRAP! WE GOTTA CLEAN UP THE PORN MAGAZINES!
ALRIGHTY, THEN! LET'S KEEP PARTYING UNTIL MURASAWA STOPS BY!

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M-MU-RASAWA-SAN?!
MERRY CHRIST-MAS!
HUH?!
HUH? WHERE'S MY AUDIENCE OF BOYS?
BUT IT GOT TOO LATE, SO THEY WENT HOME.
OH! UH...WE WERE ALL WAITING HERE FOR YOU.
DAMN THOSE JERKS. THEY LEFT WITHOUT EVEN CLEANING UP THEIR OWN MESS
SIGH.
MURASAWA, THAT LIAR.
WHAT THE --?!
WHAT? DID YOU GUYS FORGET SOME-THING?
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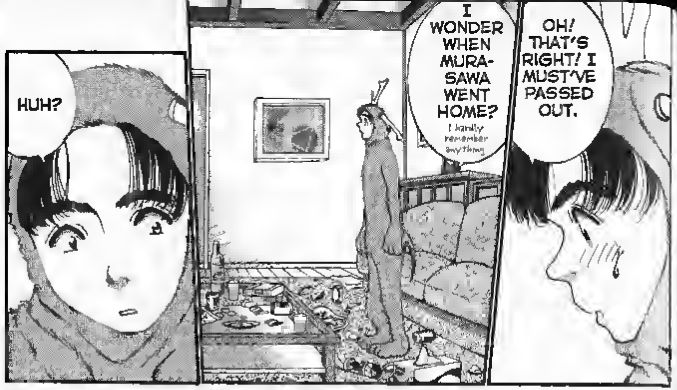
HUH?
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT!
HERE, SHINYA! YOU HAVE TO DRESS UP LIKE A REINDEER!
A REINDEER? BUT WHY DO I--
HUH?
BECAUSE I'M SANTA
I MEAN, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MESS!
N-NO! IT'S TRUE! THEY WERE ALL HERE!
BUT I THINK YOU WERE JUST WAITING HERE ALONE, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT YOU WOULD SAY.
OOOOH.
UM... ARE YOU DRUNK?
.....
HMMM.
ALL RIGHT! GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO CELEBRATE WITH JUST THE TWO OF US!
AND I FEEL GREAT!
YUP!
TH-THIS SURE IS A WELCOME TURN OF EVENTS.
Y-YEAH. I GUESS.

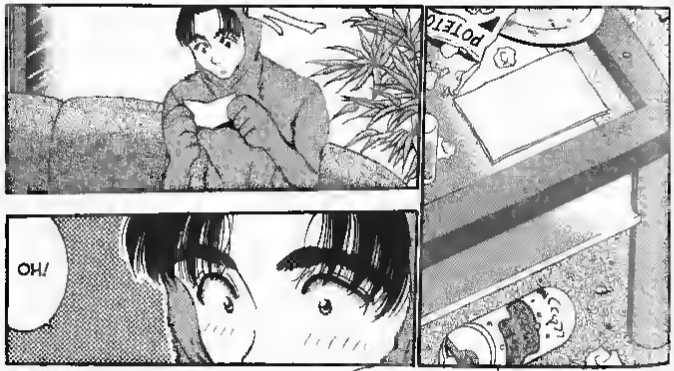
HOLY CRAP!!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOTTOM?!!
WHOOOA!!
UH, WHAT ARE YOU—
HEY! I'M CHANGING! NO PEEKING!
TA-DA!!
It's a little short though
OH! S-SORRY!
WOW, THIS IS GETTING PRETTY AMAZING.
O-OKAY...
OKAY! YOU CAN LOOK NOW!
OOPS. GUESS I FORGOT TO BRING THE BOTTOM. TEEHEE.
OH... YOU FOR-GOT IT.
HA... HA HA HA. BUT YOU LOOK CUTER LIKE THIS.
OH, YOU! YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH!
WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE ALL DRESSED UP! ...THREE CHEERS!
R-RIGHT...
MERRY CHRIST-MAS!!
M-MERRY CHRIST-MAS!

HMM...
HUH? PRESENTS ...?
UH, SO ANYWAY, DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTS? UH...SANTA?
Ha ha...
HA HA HA HA! SHINYA! YOU'RE SO FUNNY!
OH!
SILLY, SHINYA! REINDEER DON'T KNEEL!
RIGHT. REINDEER SIT LIKE THIS.
WAIT RIGHT HERE.
HUH? A RIBBON?
YOUR PRESENT IS...
STARE
SURPRISE
OH NO! DON'T TELL ME SHE'S GOING TO--!
I'M... IN... HEAVEN.

GIDDY-UP!
GO, MY REINDEER! TAKE SANTA TO THE NORTH POLE!
NEIGH!
OH NO! WE'RE FALLING!

...ME.
IS THIS...IS THIS FOR REAL?!
I...I KNEW IT!
JUST KIDDING!
Ha ha ha!
ERK!
HUH?


HUH?
I WONDER WHEN MURA-SAWA WENT HOME?
I hardly remember any thing.
OH! THAT'S RIGHT! I MUST'VE PASSED OUT.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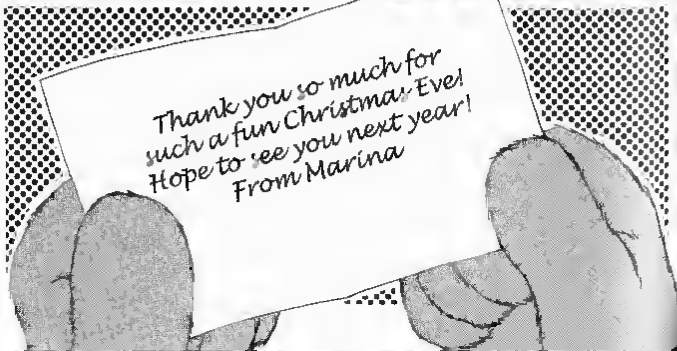
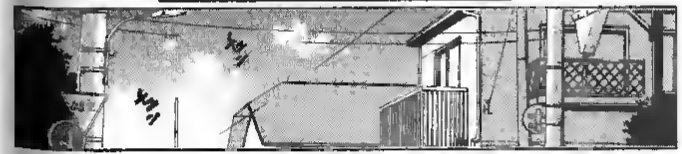
OH!


Thank you so much for such a fun Christmas Eve! Hope to see you next year!
From Marina

NOW I CAN DIE HAPPY!
OH, BABY!

...THANK YOU FOR THIS GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS EVE!
HA HA HA!
DEAR GOD...



DID I DRINK TOO MUCH OR WHAT?
UGH, MY HEAD'S KILLING ME.
HM...?

BOYS:BE
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WHOA! TH THIS IS A--!
HM?
HEH HEH.

THIS IS THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER!!
WHAT THE HELL DID I DO LAST NIGHT...?

...I WENT ON A TRIP TO A NATURAL HOT SPRING WITH MY GRAND-MOTHER.
ONE DAY DURING WINTER BREAK...
HUH?
HA HA HA HA!
WELL, GUESS I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN. SHE DID GIVE ME A LOT OF NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS AFTER ALL.
DANG... WHAT A LAME WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR, WITH MY GRAND-MOTHER.
THANKS
HERE YOU GO, SHINICHI. HAVE A MIKAN.
*Mikan are small Japanese tangerines
I WONDER IF WE'RE HEADED FOR THE S. ME HOT SPRING.
THEY MUST BE OFFICE LADIES. OR MAYBE COLLEGE STUDENTS.
HUH?/ ME?/
SHINICHI, BE A DEAR AND OFFER SOME MIKAN TO THOSE NICE LADIES OVER THERE.
WOW... THE ONE WITH THE LONG HAIR. SHE'S JUST MY TYPE...
OKAY.
DON'T YOU FRET ABOUT THAT. THEY'RE TRAVELING, JUST LIKE US.
THAT'S OKAY. I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER THEM--
OH!
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THANK YOU SO MUCH! WE'D LOVE SOME!
UM, MY GRAND-MOTHER WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D LIKE SOME MIKAN...

THEY OFFERED COED BATHS, AND ONES WHERE YOU GOT IN DRESSED.
THE HOT SPRING WE WERE STAYING AT HAD A VARIETY OF BATHS.
THERE ARE ONLY OLD FARTS IN THE COED BATH
SIGH... I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.
OH, DON'T FLATTER ME. I COULD NEVER COMPETE WITH YOUR SMOOTH SKIN TSURU-SAN.
TOME SAN! YOU LOOK AS YOUNG AS EVER!
HYUCK HYUCK HYUCK.
HO HO HO.
WELL, WELL, WELL!
MAYBE I SHOULD TRY HITTING THE SAUNA
HUH?

OH MY!!
THE MAN JUST BOUNCED OFF YOUR BOOBS
HA HA HA HA...
I I'M SO SORRY! MY HAND SLIPPED...
OOPS!
DAMN, WAS THAT EMBARRASSING!
UH... I'LL BE LEAVING NOW.
HA HA HA
MAN, THAT WAS SO WEIRD!
I CAN HARDLY BREATHE, I'M LAUGHING SO HARD!
HEE HEE HEE

TELL ME ABOUT IT! THAT'S WHY WE MAKE IT A HABIT TO COME TO THIS HOT SPRING TO UNWIND.
SURE IS A PAIN BEING AN OFFICE LADY.
WE'RE ALL WORKING GIRLS NOW, BUT WE USED TO BE CLASS MATES IN THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL THREE YEARS AGO
AAAH, SAUNAS FEEL SO GOOD!
RIGHT! JUST THE BEST!
HUH?
YOU'RE ONLY BEING SO PROPER BECAUSE THERE'S A BOY HERE
KNOCK IT OFF! THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS!
HUH?
MAN, RISA'S THE ONLY ONE HERE WITH SOME MANNERS.
OH, SORRY! ARE WE BEING RUDE?
SO YOU'RE STAYING AT THE SAME INN, HUH?
Y-YES, MA'AM.
N-NICE TO MEET YOU.
IF IT ISN'T THE BOY FROM BEFORE!
UH...
AAAH... NO ONE ELSE IS AROUND, SO I'LL LAY DOWN.
DON'T MIND ME EITHER!
I SEE.
FIRST YEAR, HUH? YOU'RE SO YOUNG! THAT WAS ME THREE YEARS AGO!
YES. I'M A FIRST YEAR.
ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL?
I-IT'S SHINICHI.
SO, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

MAYBE I'LL STOP BY THE GAME CORNER FOR A BIT.
ZZZZZ
GRANDMA, HOW CAN YOU SLEEP? IT'S STILL ONLY 9 O'CLOCK
!
HUH?
RISA! YOU--!
I'M FREE AND THERE'S NOTHING TO DO AROUND HERE!
R!... RISA?
OH!
Peek
FINE, THEN I'LL RELAX TOO!
WHOOOOOA!
PHEW! CHILLY!
RISA, YOU NAUGHTY GIRL! THINK ABOUT THE EFFECT YOUR BOOBS HAVE! HA HA HA!
HA HA HA! YOU'RE SO FUNNY, SHINICHI!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME!
SO...HER NAME IS RISA.

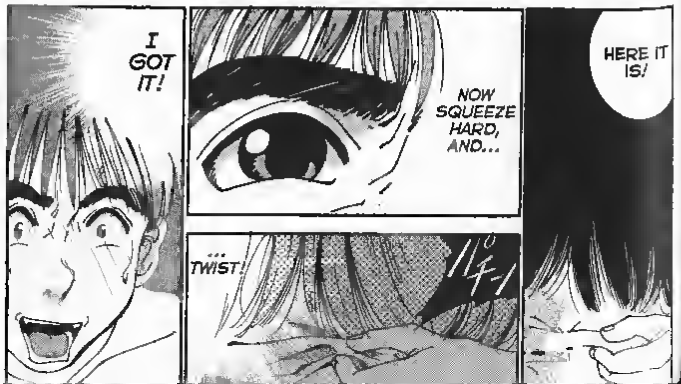
UH OH. THIS ISN'T GOOD. I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE SOON...
WE'RE TOTALLY DRUNK!
BINGO!
WELL... RISA STILL LOOKS CUTE EVEN WHEN SHE'S DRUNK.
WHICH OF US WOULD YOU GO OUT WITH IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE?
YES?
OKAY! I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR SHINICHI!
MAYBE IT WON'T BE SO BAD IF I STAY AROUND A LITTLE LONGER...
HUH?

YOU WERE PEEKING, WEREN'T YOU?
OH-HO... IF IT ISN'T SHIN-ICHI!
WHOA!
NOW SIT HERE.
COME PLAY WITH YOUR BIG SISTERS.
B-BUT...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! NOW GET IN HERE!
N-N-NO! I WASN'T--!
UH... NO?
WHAT? YOU SAYING YOU WON'T DRINK IT EVEN AFTER I SERVED IT?
B-BUT I'M NOT OLD ENOUGH TO--
HERE YOU ARE! DRINK UP!
UH...YOU'RE NOT ALL DRUNK... ARE YOU?

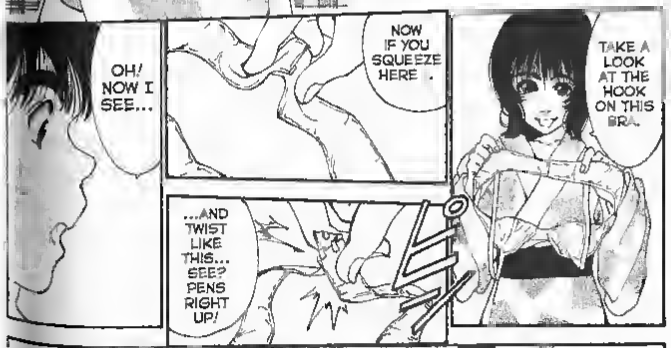
TEE HEE HEE!
OH MY GAWD! HE'S SO CUTE! HEE HEE!
I MEAN... I HAVE!
UH, NO...I HAVEN'T.
HUH?
SPEAKING OF WHICH, HAVE YOU HAD SEX YET?
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'LL TALK!
NOW LET'S SEE...
ANSWER THE QUESTION OR ELSE!
WHO YOU TRYING TO PLAY DUMB WITH?!
OH, I COULD NEVER CHOOSE... HA HA HA.
OH YEAH? THEN DO YOU KNOW HOW TO UNDO A GIRL'S BRA WITH JUST ONE HAND?
N-NO! IT'S TRUE!
YOU LIE!
HUH?
I'D CHOOSE...
I...I KNOW HOW.
EVEN A NOVICE KNOWS HOW TO DO THAT.
OH, YOU CAN'T?
UNDO A BRA... WITH ONE HAND?
WELL HE'S A HIGH SCHOOLER! WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
YOU REALLY ARE THE CHEEKY ONE.
N-N-NO!
Gulp!
I KNOW! IT'S BECAUSE OF HER BREASTS, ISN'T IT?!
EEK
WHY RISA?!

HUH?!
SORRY. YOUR FIVE SECONDS ARE UP!
BOO!!
WHAT? NOT FEELING SO CONFIDENT ANYMORE?
HUH?!
BUT, EVERY TIME YOU LOSE YOU HAVE TO TAKE OFF ONE PIECE OF CLOTHING
OKAY THEN, LET'S PLAY A LITTLE GAME. IF YOU'RE ABLE TO UNDO ONE OF OUR BRAS IN FIVE SECONDS, WE'LL SHOW YOU OUR BREASTS.
OKAY... I'LL TAKE OFF MY SASH.
NOW, TAKE OFF ONE LAYER OF CLOTHING. JUST AS WE PROMISED.
OKAY. I'LL GO FIRST.
ER...
A yukata is a light kimono worn in the summer or in bathhouses.
ROUND ONE! READY, SET, GO!
I'LL. I'LL DO IT.
ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR... TIME'S UP! TOO BAD! TAKE OFF YOUR YUKATA.
ME NEXT!
ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR...
HMM... I WAS SURE IT WOULD BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE...
UGH...
AND BEFORE, YOU WERE TALKING SO BIG!
OOH, TWO FAILURES IN A ROW!
NEXT TIME YOU LOSE, YOU'LL BE TOTALLY NAKED.
I'm looking forward to it.

COME ON, WHERE'S THE HOOK, THE HOOK..
ONE, TWO, THREE...
IT SHOULD BE HARDER, WITH RISA'S KNOCKERS
NOW LET THE FINAL BATTLE BEGIN!


I GOT IT!
NOW SQUEEZE HARD, AND...
...TWIST!
HERE IT IS!

OKAY, OKAY. HOW ABOUT I GIVE YOU A LITTLE HINT?
COME NOW SHINICHI! NO NEED TO CRY!


OH! NOW I SEE...
NOW IF YOU SQUEEZE HERE...
TAKE A LOOK AT THE HOOK ON THIS BRA.
...AND TWIST LIKE THIS... SEE? PENS RIGHT UP!

NOW FACE EACH OTHER LIKE LOVERS!
OH!
OKAY! READY FOR THE LAST ROUND? IT'S SHINICHI VERSUS HIS FAVORITE, RISA!

COME ON, RISA! HE REALLY WANTS TO SEE THEM!
I THOUGHT SO!
WELL, ER...
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT! I KNOW YOU REALLY WANNA SEE THEM, RIGHT?
NO WAY! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY GOT IT!
EEK!
I DID IT!
.....
SHOW HIM! SHOW HIM!
SHOW HIM! SHOW HIM.
NO! SHINICHI'S ALREADY STRIPPED THIS MUCH, IT'S THE LEAST YOU CAN DO!
COME ON! IT WAS JUST A GAME! YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?
WHAT?
HMM, WELL, A WIN'S A WIN. RISA, SHOW HIM, JUST LIKE WE PROMISED.
ALL RIGHT! I'LL DO IT!
COME ON!
OOO!
YOU'VE ALREADY DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN.
I REALLY ...
IT'S... IT'S OKAY.
B-BUT...

I CAN'T GET THE PICTURE OF RISA'S NAKED BODY OUT OF MY HEAD.
THAT... THAT WAS AMAZING.
DID YOUR BREASTS GROW AGAIN?
HERE, DRINK UP, RISA
UH-OH!
WAH!
THERE HAS BEEN SOME ABNORMAL ACTIVITY DETECTED IN SHINICHI'S REGION!
HUH?
AH-HA...
R-RISA-SAN...YOU GOTTA HELP ME. I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T REALLY--
HURRY UP, RISA! PULL DOWN HIS BOXERS!
TSK TSK. YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
ACK!
LET'S STRIP HIM AND FIND OUT!
WHAT NAUGHTY THOUGHTS ARE YOU HAVING IN THERE?

WHOA!
AHHH!
WAS THAT... ENOUGH?
I'M SO ENVIOUS OF RISA'S BIG BREASTS.
GOOD JOB, RISA! YOU WERE GREAT!

HUH?
YESTERDAY SURE WAS CRAZY.
THE NEXT DAY...
HUH?
OH. IT WAS NO BIG DEAL.
I'M SORRY ABOUT YESTER-DAY.
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.....
I START WORK AGAIN TOMOR-ROW. I'LL DO MY BEST.
BUT THANKS TO YOU, I HAD A LOT OF FUN.

SORRY. THIS MAKES US EVEN.
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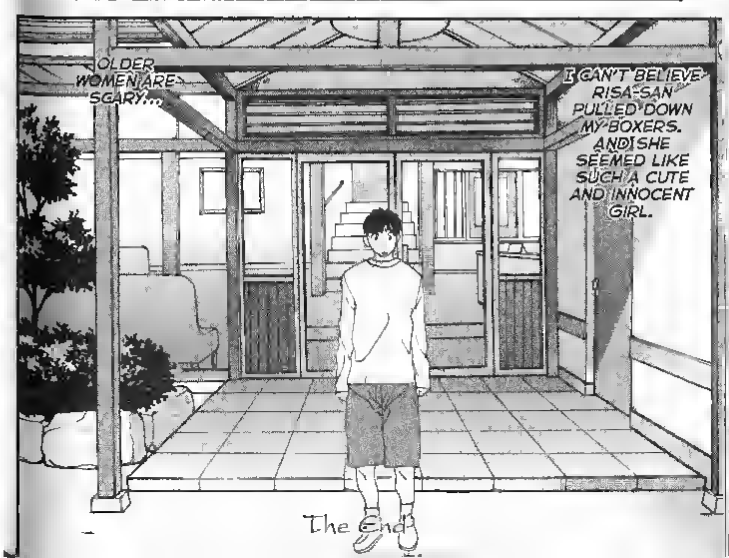
THE TRUTH IS, I'VE BEEN HIDING SOMETHING. I'M REALLY A HUGE JACKIE CHAN FAN! WELL, NOT JUST JACKIE CHAN, BUT ALSO BRUCE LEE! I'M REALLY A FAN OF FIST-FIGHTING. IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE THE WORLD I WAS BROUGHT UP IN WAS THE GOLDEN AGE OF BRUCE LEE AND JACKIE CHAN. NOT TO MENTION THAT ONE OF MY HOBBIES IS PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, AND ALL THE ONES I OWN ARE FIGHTING ONES.

THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT I WANT TO DRAW A FIGHTING MANGA SOMETIME...BUT THAT'S STILL UP IN THE AIR.
-TAMAKOSHI

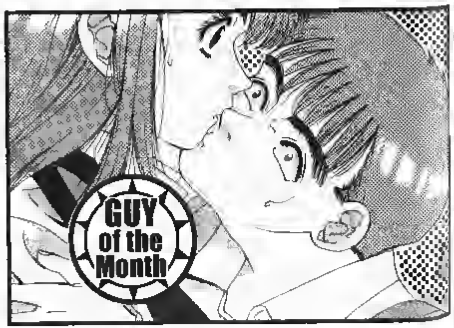
A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL STRIKING A DRUNKEN MASTER POSE. (DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.)

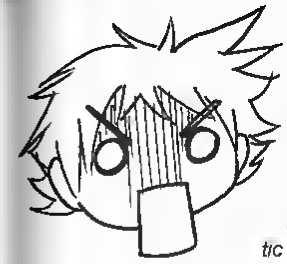

OLDER WOMEN ARE SCARY...
I CAN'T BELIEVE RISA-SAN PULLED DOWN MY BOXERS. AND SHE SEEMED LIKE SUCH A CUTE AND INNOCENT GIRL.
The End?

Twin Talk: A Guy's Guide to Girls
By Kathy and Chrissy Schilling

Hands down, Masahiro from Report 4 is a dream-guy come true. His innocent nature, amazing sense of generosity and appreciation for a really great gal... sigh...I melted the first time I read it. (^_^) I mean, from the start he's different from the rest of the guys: finding positive, encouraging points about Ogata's model-material height and there's not a glimmer of doubt for her when he first gets her invitation to date. Overall, his encouragement rather than teasing of her height -- finalized through his presentation of her desired high-heels -- is not only kind but manly! Not to mention how he apologizes for hurting her feelings. How many times does a guy go that far? Guys, take note!

Final word: Appreciate a girl (or guy!) for who she is. If you can't, you're probably into her for the wrong reasone.





By far, the worst coupling for this volume of ***Boys Be*** *was Report 7. There's absolutely NO way Marina and Shinya would be a compatible pair. After that messy Christmas Eve party, you can bet your bottom dollar that they'll never hook up again (much less look each other in the eye at school). Let's be realistic here. Horny boy. Alone. Drunk girl. Reindeer outfit. That's just a formula for disaster. Guys, if you're ever thinking that a drunk girl's gonna appear before your very eyes like a gift from above, think again. Best to send her on her way home as soon as you can rather than entertain yourself with some cheap panty shots and drunkard's breath, because she's going to be puking up something nasty in no time flat. And I'm sure you don't wanna spend your Christmas day cleaning up the mess.*

Bottom line: Hold on to at least SOME of your dignity, both you girls and guys.

Report 6 was another atomic bomb of mistakes and regret. Would you let a simple-minded waitress, who's only trained to serve tea and some T&A, make you turn against your best dude? Poor, clueless Izumi's found herself caught in a power struggle between two lifelong friends, Yuu and Takeshi, only to have herself fought over like a piece of meat in the butcher shop window. Going out with the girl your friend has a crush on behind his BACK?! Come on, people, we've seen how this little scenario turns out in the movies! Lucky for Takeshi, Yuu decided to submit to the Alpha dog, or fur would fly.

Best advice: Back off from your friend's crushes. You're just gonna get hurt.

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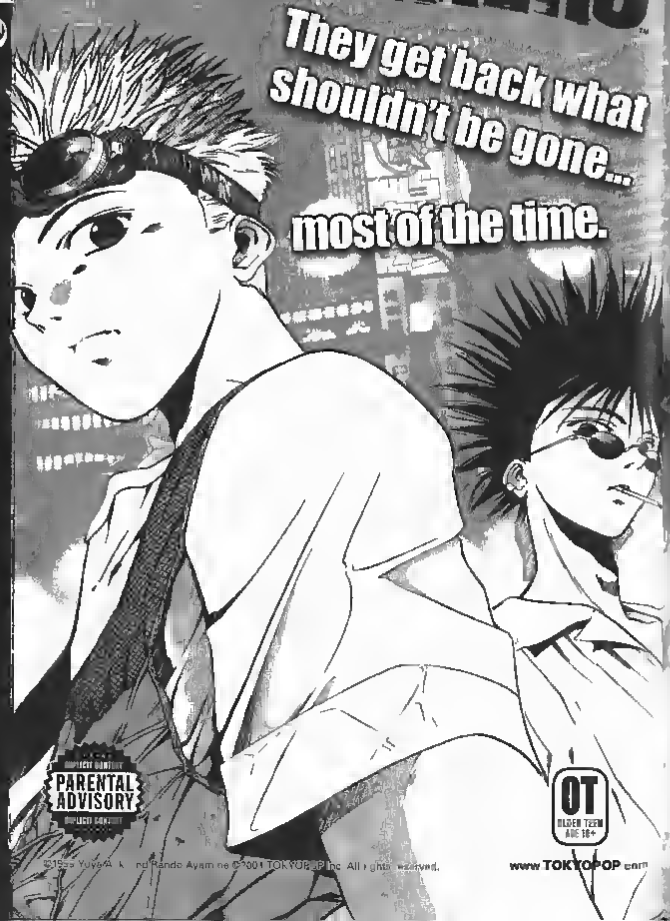

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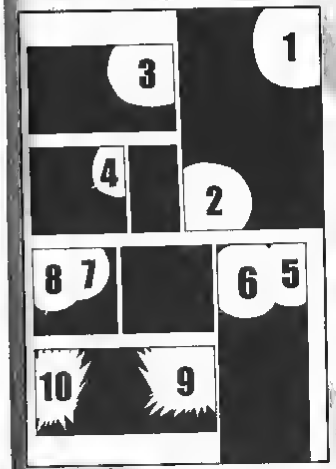

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